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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"If the R.M. value is not less than 28, there is no possibility of there being any impurity."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—"If ghee without R.M. value of 24 also is pure why can it not be accepted."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Ghee with an R.M. value of over 28 alone can be considered genuine. Therefore the Government have accepted that standard."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—"May I know why, when a Bombay firm is permitted to mark and grade ghee, an Andhra firm is not permitted to do so?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"If my Friend will give me more particulars, I shall ascertain and let him know."

Total value of the manure coupons issued in 1946–47.

* 110 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : "Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total value of the manure coupons issued in the Presidency for the Kareef year 1946–47; the total value of the said coupons issued for each district in 1947;

(*b*) how much of groundnut cake and fertilizers, (i.e., quantity and value) were issued in each district so far against the coupons issued in 1947 and how much is outstanding in each district; and

(*c*) what amount (the quantity and value) of the above articles was procured and distributed by the Government in the several districts in 1945–46 and 1946–47 and what the quantity is that the Government will be able to procure and distribute against the coupons issued in 1947?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"(*a*) to (*c*) The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Recommendations of the Water-supply and Drainage Committee.

* 111 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all or any of the recommendations of the Water-supply and Drainage Committee have been given effect to;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to introduce Public Health Engineer course in the Engineering College;

(*c*) whether the Government have under consideration water-supply schemes for Uruvakonda and Penukonda in Anantapur district;

(*d*) whether a Geologist was deputed by the Geological Survey of India in connection with water-supply scheme to Penukonda;

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(*e*) what the scheme is which required geological survey and what the findings of the Geologist are; and

(*f*) when the Government propose to tackle seriously the question of water-supply to Penukonda?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) All the recommendations are under the active consideration of the Government. No final orders have been passed on any of them.

" (*b*) The question is under consideration.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) A well was ordered to be sunk at a cost of Rs. 10,200 in 1946 but the work was not proceeded with as sufficient water was not tapped at a depth of about 63 feet. The Geologist was deputed to see whether this well could not be improved and also to explore other ways of affording water-supply. His finding was that the well under construction was useless. He suggested three alternative proposals for affording supply of water to Penukonda :—

(1) Wells to be sunk between Islapuram and Timmapuram villages;

(2) wells to be sunk near Ramapuram; and

(3) wells to be sunk in Pennar river either near Roddam village or between Dondapalli and Peddamanathuru.

" (*f*) The Government have recently asked the Sanitary Engineer to go and inspect the locality himself or to depute the Executive Engineer (Public Health) for the purpose, and submit detailed proposals and estimates for the provision of drinking water for Penukonda and neighbouring villages. His report is awaited."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that water is not available in Penukonda and that the people have to wait at the draw wells throughout the night to take water?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, during the dry season water is not available and it is brought from the neighbouring villages."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Why do not the Government give priority to sinking wells in villages within two or three miles of Penukonda and provide water for the town?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" An officer is investigating a scheme in the bed of the river Hagari. It is estimated to cost about 8 lakhs."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the scarcity of water in Penukonda, will the Government give the highest priority to the scheme as soon as the investigating officer's report is received?"